

**WHAT IS CLAIMED AS NEW AND DESIRED TO BE SECURED BY LETTERS PATENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES IS:**

1. A toner for developing an electrostatic image,  
comprising:

5       a first resin; and

      a colorant,

      which is prepared by (1) dissolving or dispersing the  
colorant and the first resin having at least one group reactive  
with a compound having an active hydrogen in an amount of at least  
10   an average of 2 pieces per molecule of the first resin, in an  
organic solvent to prepare a toner constituent liquid; and (2)  
mixing the toner constituent liquid with an aqueous medium that  
includes fine particles of a second resin, and at least one of  
a crosslinking agent and an elongation agent to perform at least  
15   one of a crosslinking reaction and an elongation reaction of the  
first resin, wherein the toner satisfies the following  
relationship:

$$3 \leq G = R - R_{ideal} \leq 20,$$

      wherein, G represents a ratio of a weight of components other  
20   than the colorant and the first resin that are included in the  
toner and are insoluble in the organic solvent, to a total weight  
of the toner, R represents a weight ratio of insoluble components  
included in the toner, which are insoluble in the organic solvent,  
to the total weight of the toner, and  $R_{ideal}$  represents an ideal  
25   weight ratio of the colorant and the first resin and is determined  
from a formula of the toner.

2. The toner according to Claim 1, wherein the toner further comprises a third resin that does not have any group reactive with a compound having active hydrogen, and wherein a weight ratio of the first resin to the third resin is from 5/95 to 25/75.

3. The toner according to Claim 1, wherein the first resin has at least one group that can form a urea linkage in an amount of 2 pieces on average per molecule of the first resin.

4. The toner according to Claim 1, wherein each of the first resin and the third resin is a polyester resin.

5. The toner according to Claim 1, wherein the colorant is a master batch that has been prepared by kneading an unmodified resin and a colorant with one of an organic solvent and water.

6. The toner according to Claim 1, wherein the toner has a weight average particle diameter of 4 to 8  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a ratio (WA/NA) of a weight average particle diameter (WA) of the toner to a number average particle diameter (NA) thereof is from 1.00 to 1.25.

7. The toner according to Claim 1, wherein the toner has an average circularity of 0.940 to 0.995.

8. The toner according to Claim 1, wherein the toner further comprises a wax as a release agent.

9. The toner according to Claim 1, wherein the toner further comprises a charge controlling agent.

5        10. A developer, comprising:  
the toner according to Claim 1; and  
a carrier.

11. A toner container containing the toner of Claim 1.

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12. A process cartridge, comprising:  
a photoreceptor;  
at least one charger configured to charge the  
photoreceptor;

15        a developing device configured to develop a latent  
electrostatic image on the photoreceptor with the toner of Claim  
1; and

a cleaning device configured to remove a residual toner on  
the photoreceptor.

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13. A method of manufacturing a toner comprising:

dissolving or dispersing a toner constituent that comprises

(1) a first resin that has at least one group reactive with a  
compound having an active hydrogen in an amount of 2 pieces on  
average per molecule of the first resin and (2) a colorant, in  
25 an organic solvent to prepare a toner constituent liquid; and  
mixing the toner constituent liquid with an aqueous medium

that contains fine particles of a second resin, and at least one of a crosslinking agent and an elongation agent to perform at least one of a crosslinking reaction and an elongation reaction of the first resin.

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14. A method of forming a color image, comprising:  
developing a latent electrostatic image using the toner of Claim 1.

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15. A toner for developing an electrostatic image,  
comprising:

a first resin; and

a colorant,

wherein the toner satisfies the following relationship:

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$$3 \leq G = R - R_{\text{ideal}} \leq 20,$$

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wherein, G represents a ratio of a weight of components other than the colorant and the first resin that are included in the toner and are insoluble in the organic solvent, to a total weight of the toner, R represents a weight ratio of insoluble components included in the toner, which are insoluble in the organic solvent, to the total weight of the toner, and  $R_{\text{ideal}}$  represents an ideal weight ratio of the colorant and the first resin and is determined from a formula of the toner.

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